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Town Talk

. . . Being a Column of Chatter About People You Know . . .

By DOROTHY M. OGDEN

Well, it is good to be back home after flying nearly 9,000 miles around in 28 days. Last week I spent in El Paso visiting Lt. and Mrs. Milton Garbart at Ft. Bliss. Sally Garbart is the daughter of the Thomas Mills family of Bala-Cynwyd, you know, and I hadn't seen her in over a year. We just fell on each other at the airport and poor Milt had to sit for a week, listening to our chatter, which must have resembled the rattling of machine guns.

We did any number of interesting things around El Paso, including driving over to White Sands National Monument in New Mexico, viewing the wonders of the Carlsbad Caverns, and sitting through the goriest bullfights imaginable in Mexico of a Sunday evening.

Thought you might like to hear about them, so during the next couple of weeks, I'll tell you about each of them in turn . . .

The first of the interesting things we did from El Paso was to drive up to White Sands, the home of the largest gypsum deposit in the world. The gypsum dunes extend over the desert for nearly 225 square miles. They are an amazing sight, as you drive along the brown desert and suddenly come up on the white dunes, for which there seems to be no logical explanation. They look as though a giant dump cart had driven along and had left its slag by the wayside. The giant dump cart was in reality the wind which picks up the gypsum from the lakes of dried glacial deposits some miles North of the present site of the beds.

Then it whips down through the New Mexican desert, leaving the lighter-than-dust gypsum at this one particular spot, while carrying the dust farther across the wastelands. The beds are growing larger each year.

Driving through the mounds of gypsum on roads charted by the Department of Interior's National Park Engineers, you feel surrounded—almost choked, by the glistening-white, windpatterned dunes which ebb and flow for miles on end.

Next week, I'll tell you about the breathtaking beauties of Carlsbad Caverns, but right now, to get back to the local chitchat around the Boro, **du-u-no** that the first person I ran into upon my return was **Mrs. Samuel McCartney** who was dressed in a stunning red dress Memorial Day . . . she accepted the honor roll for the Library, guess you know . .

Highlights of the Parade on Memorial Day . . . Freida Lang Reed, the only servicewoman representing Narberth's gals in the Army . . . That little green jeep called "Little Chum" which slipped into line in front of the large fire engine. . . . The usual melee of children on decoratd bikes, zooming in and out of line, nearly scaring everyone to death with their antics, but, oh boy, did they ever look happy . . . The beaming countenances visible among members of the Italian-American Citizen's Club . . . Mr. A. C. Beltz, Mrs. Frank Challenger, and Mr. Ace Walker's fine touch was visible throughout the day's activities . . . The nice prizes which Gene Davis gave the children who decorated their bikes with red, white and blue streamers . . . St. Margaret's School's float of Iwo Jima, with the rocks and flag in exactly the same position as the famous photograph of it . . . The Boro firemen all decked out, helping to get the mass of children a place to grab hold of the engines . . . . The little golden Cocker Spanial, who had found himself a footing on the big engine, and wasn't going to move for anyone . . . Boro Policemen, leading the Parade in their own fine fashion . . . The typically wonderful day which the Boro got from the Weatherman, extra-special . . . The flavor of the community spirit which seems to overflow on Memorial Day . . . The thankfulness which everyone felt (and remarked on) that this was Peacetime . . . The Boy Scouts, who clammered and shouted for soda pop at the Community Building door, while the Lower Merion Band was being fed . . . All in all, it was a perfect Memorial Day, which made one sort of glow with pride that such scenes were being repeated all over the country. . . .

There was a nice note from **John Tifft** awaiting me on my return, and it was chock full of news. He says that he and his wife, **Mary Ruth**, and **John, III** (their young son) will be moving into the Borough shortly. He also said that his sister, **Barbara**, who is **Mrs. Louis A. Young, Jr.**, has just about the cutest little daughter he has even seen. Her name is **Sandra Mason**. Incidentally, when the Tifft's younger brother, **Arch**, married **Jean Arbogast** last month, John was his best man. Arch and John are in the insurance business with their father, **John, Sr.**, so when Arch gets back from his honeymoon there will be three Tiffts at the office of Tifft, Layer & Co. Inc., down on Independence Square. . . .

Received another interesting note when I got into the office from a **Mr. A. M. James** who lives around this way. He pointed out that there were many towns along the Santa Fe railroad which have Main Line names . . . and I had just noted some when we were going through Oklahoma and Arkansas. There is an Overbrook, Wynne Wood (which Westerners call Wynneywood), Ardmore, Wayne and Paoli. I had wondered about it, and Mr. James says that an early trainman who went West after many years on the Paoli Local had become so accustomed to the old chant that he continued to sing it when he got on the Santa Fe road. . . .

Well, I'll see you next week, same time, same place. So, please give me a ring at Ardmore 5720 to tell me what has been going on around town since I left . . . Bye now.

Right in the middle of the Memorial Day parade came the white ambulance of the Narberth Volunteer Medical Service Corps, and several members of the organization. The group, headed by Thomas Merkle, has handled more than 200 calls during the two years of its organization.

The tops in every child's ambitions is to ride the local firetruck in a big parade. And that is just what these Narberth children did in the gala Memorial Day parade. The firetruck, which was part of the first section of the parade, was crowded to the very end of the longest ladder, with children who clutched at whatever support they could find with one hand, while they waved Flags with the other.

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Hundreds View Narberth First Peacetime Memorial Parade Sponsored By Legion Posts

Former Chaplain Challenges Millions of Returned Servicemen to Fight For Peace; Henry Doll Unable to Attend

Several hundred Narberth residents lined the borough's streets last Thursday to celebrate the first peacetime Memorial Day since 1941 in one of the largest parades ever held in a Main Line community.

Sponsored jointly by the Narberth and Ardmore American Legion Posts, the parade marched to the Narberth War Memorial where a grateful community paused to pay hommage to its dead of two wars in impressive memorial services.

At the services the Rev. Cletus A. Senft, ex-Army chaplain and pastor of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Narberth, called upon "the ten million fighting men who have returned from the batle-fronts" to fight for peace as they fought the enemy during the war.

The Rev. Senft added that men now out of uniform were not aware of their responsibilities in helping to keep the peace for which they fought, and that he hoped the impressions of the "white rows of crosses left behind them would keep their memories fresh enough to insist on international disarmament."

Joint Sponsorship

Narberth's parade, under the joint sponsorship of the Harold D. Speakman Post, American Legion of Narberth, and the Bullock-Sanderson Post, American Legion, of Ardmore, was one of the largest ever held on the Main Line.

Frank Challenger was chairman of the joint committee which planned the parade and exercises at the War Memorial.

Fire engines, floats and bicycle riders assembled at Wynnewood Rd., behind the stands of the ball park at 10.30 A. M., waving American flags, and the parade began at 11.00 o'clock. Its route was East on Windsor Ave., to Iona Ave., over to Woodbine Ave., to Essex Ave., to Haverford Ave.,

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Merion Girl Elected Head of 'Y' Sorority

Wendy Platt of Merion was elected president of the Gradale Sorority last Monday evening at the Main Line YMCA at its annual election. Betty Hopkins of Gladwyne was elected vice-president, Harriet Smith of Ardmore, secretary and Thelma Fleck also of Ardmore, treasurer.

A Mother Daughter banquet will be held at the 'Y' next Monday evening by the group. Former president, Mary Lou Haldman, had appointed the following committee to plan this event with Wendy Platt as chairman assisted by Betty Hopkins, Jean Reinhart, Joan Columbe, Carolyn Coffin and Nancy Scham. Mrs. August O. Becker is advisor of this group.

Bond, Ring Given To Biggest Cop

A $50 bond and a diamond signet ring were presented to George Adamson, who retired in March after 25 years' service with the Lower Merion police force, at a party held in his honor Thursday at the Bullock-Sanderson Post, American Legion, 125 Sutton Rd., Ardmore.

Adamson, who is six feet, four inches tall and who weighs more than 400 pounds, is believed to be the biggest policeman in the United States and Canada. Several years ago, he said Thursday at the party, he weighed 433 pounds.

The ring, which was given to Adamson by Richard A. Thorington, president of the Lower Merion Township Commissioners, was one and a quarter inches in diameter. Superintendent of Police Samuel W. Gearhart made the presentation of the bond.

The party was given in Adamson's honor by the West Montgomery County Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police following their regular monthly meeting. Adamson, who lives at 1515 Fairview Ave., West Manayunk, is married and is the father of two children.

Gen. H. H. Arnold Joins Local Vets

General of the Army H. H. Arnold, former Commanding General of the U. S. Army Air Forces, has accepted an honorary membership in the Lower Merion Chapter No. 1, American Veterans' Committee, Joseph C. Sloane, Jr., chairman of the group, announced Wednesday.

In his letter of acceptance, General Arnold, a former Gladwyne resident and a graduate of the Lower Merion High School, said that "Lower Merion has always been very close to mee."

He added that "it is an honor to be connected with such an aggressive and up-and-coming organization," and promised that "if I am back East at a time when you are having one of your meetings, I should very much like to be present."

At the regular bi-monthly meeting of the chapter held at the Main Line Y.M.C.A. Andrew Allinson, of West Chester, a Haverford College student and a former B-24 pilot, was named local delegate to first national convention of the American Veterans' Committee to be held at Des Moines, Iowa.

Residents Reclaim Homes After Flood

Resident of River Rd. from West Manayunk to Woodlane Crossing began digging out their homes Monday morning as the Schuylkill River subsided after the worst flood in the area in more than 15 years.

More than 100 families along the four mile stretch of road were forced to flee to higher ground as the raging river swirled across entire sections of the road, inundated cellars and first floors of homes and cottages and surrounded scores of others on the river side of the road.

Alerted by Lower Merion Police Captain George Vander Veur at 10.30 Sunday morning, Disaster Relief Committees of local Red Cross branches mobilized for action and by noon completed preparations for sheltering and feeding scores of evacuees.

By Sunday night, with the aid of police and firemen, 29 persons whose homes had been made uninhabitable by the rapidly rising river were being sheltered and fed

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300 Attend Party Given by Association

Over 300 people attended the card party given by the Ardmore Manor Civic Association on Wednesday, May 22, at the Ardmore Women's Club.

Appreciation for the fine attendance was expressed by George F. S. Elder, president of the group. He also thanked Mrs. A. Paul Stemple and the members of her committee for their work in organizing the party.

C. Edward Lane and William Crook awarded the prized donated by local merchants.

Ardmore Park Youth To Enter Annapolis

Donald B. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Martin, Jr. of 2948 Oakford Rd., Ardmore Park, received an appointment as a Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy this week. He will enter Annapolis Thursday.

A graduate of the West Philadelphia High School, Martin entered the Navy in June last year.

Car Hits Hedge

An automobile operated by Charles J. Wynne, 17, of Baltimore Ave., near 51st St., Philadelphia, crashed into a hedge at the home of M. G. Rowley, of 131 St. Paul Rd., Ardmore, shortly after 4 P. M. Sunday, Lower Merion police reported.

Bank Declares Dividend

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Narberth, which was held Wednesday morning, June 5, a dividend was declared of 50 cents per share to the stockholders of record as of June 29, 1946. "Checks will be mailed to stockholders," said J. J. Cabrey, a Director of the bank.

Previous return to the Bank's stockholders in the form of a stock-dividend, three shares of a par value of $25 being exchanged for each original share issued at $50.

The deposits in the Bank are now in considerable excess of three million dollars and the number of accounts served is said to exceed 6,500, firms and individuals.

Chauffeur Held on Hit-Run Charge

Arrested for Failing To Stop at Scene of Accident Friday

Henry Payton, 45, chauffeur for C. D. Young, of 311 Brentford Rd., Haverford, was arrested last week by Lower Merion Police for being the driver of a hit-run automobile.

Payton, according to Sgt. Joseph Mawhinney of the Lower Merion Force who made the arrest, struck the automobile of John Strait, of Philadelphia at the intersection of Montgomery Ave., and Church Rd., about 12.30 Friday morning, and continued without stopping.

A headlight ring and a hubcap were the articles found at the scene which made the arrest possible. Sgt. Mawhinney, after finding the items, notified all garages to be on the lookout for a car damaged in such a manner.

Sgt. William Conroy, of the Haverford Township Police Force saw a damaged Ford stationwagon in a Bryn Mawr garage and notified the Lower Merion Police.

Payton, who according to a statement made to the Police, didn't stop because he was in a hurry to get home as he wasn't supposed to have the car, pleaded guilty to the charge of failing to stop at the scene of the accident before Justice of the Peace Franklin P. Kromer on Friday afternoon, and is being held on $600 bail for the Montgomery County Court.

Kindergarten Pupils Enrolling This Week

Parents planning to send their children to kindergarten in the Fall were urged this week by Lower Merion Township School Superintendent Frank A. Dubois to enroll them with elementary school principals before June 14.

Dubois said that all children five years old on or before February 1, 1947, can be admitted to kindergarten classes. Parents should have their children's birth and vaccination certificates with them when enrolling their children.

Dubois said, however, that parents can provisionally enroll their children now without either certificate if they secure them later and present them at the school during the first week in September.

600 Entries Already For 26th Annual Dog Show

Girl Scouts Plan Court of Awards

21 Narberth Troops List Affair for Friday Started in 1940

Members of the Girl Scout Troops in Narberth will participate in a Court of Awards to be held at the home of Mrs. A. G. Dean, 219 N. Wynnewood Ave., Narberth, from 5 to 7 P. M., Friday, June 7.

Reorganized in 1940 after a lapse of several years, Troop 368 was the nucleus of the three Scout and one Brownie Troops now active in the Borough.

Brownies who will become members of Troop 90 during the ceremonies are Susan Connor, Mary Lawrence McTighe, Janet Krug, Nancy Sommers, Barbara Yowell, Sally Williams, Susan Reynolds, Judy Stephens, Betty Ann Paden, and Sally Feife.

Those who will become members of Troop 368 from Troop 90 are Diane Cuthbert, Constance Boney, Jacqueline Cotter, Jennie Lowe Gordy, Barbara Keegan, Patsy McEnanem, Irma Hall Rees, Clara Sangmeister, Margaret Strickler, Peggy Smith, and Shirley Weis.

Those who will become members of the Senior Troop from Troop 368 are Patricia Marie Smith, Phyllis Smith, Mary Bartlett, and Catherine Blum.

The girls who will receive their Senior pin for one year of Scouting are Martha Vogeler, Bernice Harris, Dorothy Groff, Janet MacLaren, Nancy Hunsicker, Connie Norton, Adelaide Bruneel.

Mrs. A. G. Dean, who sponsored the troop in 1940, will present the Senior pins. Mrs. J. P. Harris is chairman of the ardangements commitee, while Mrs. R. S. Berkey is chairman of the program committee.

Leaders of the troops are: Mrs. Berkie, 369; Mrs. John Ford, Senior; Mrs. H. S. Watts, Brownies, and Mrs. Harris, 90.

Mrs. Harris announced that in case of rain, the affair would be held in the Narberth Community Building.

Funeral Services For The Charles Revels'

Combined services for Warrant Officer Charles E. H. Revels, U. S. M. C. his wife, Mary, and their son, John, three, were held Monday afternoon from the funeral home of W. G. Frankenfield, 30 W. Athens Ave., Ardmore.

Warrant Officer Revels, his wife and son were killed May 24 in an automobile accident in Glendale, Nev., on their way to their California home after a visit to Warrant Officer Revels' parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Revels, of Whitemarsh.

Mr. Revels was formerly employed at the home of George B. Junkin, Waverly Rd., Gladwyn.

Plan to House Vets Meets Opposition

Plans to rally community support behind the proposed conversion of the old Wright School into apartments for married student veterans met with opposition Tuesday night at the annual meeting of the Rosemont Civic Association.

After almost two hours of heated discussion, members of the association directed their president to name a committee to determine whether or not the project is "possible and desirable in Rosemont."

Joseph C. Sloane, Jr., chairman of the Main Line Chapter of the American Veterans Committee, originators of the project, revealed at the meeting that an earlier version of the plan had been abandoned after a secret meeting with the Township Board of Commissioners.

Sloane said that the Board indicated to him at that time that it could not approve a plan which would allow any veteran, students and non-students alike, to occupy an apartment in the proposed project. He said the Board told him such a plan would be "socially unacceptable."

He added that the original A. V. C. plan had called for the project to be open to all veterans regardless of their occupation. He said his group had limited the project to student veterans reluctantly.

Batten's Letter

Sloane's revelation came after a letter signed by H. A. Batten, of Roberts Rd., Rosemont, read to the meeting, called the plan "restrictive class legislation," on the grounds that residents of the

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6 Local Students Get Degrees From Temple

Among the local students who received their diplomas from Temple University this week are:

Jean Staples, 124 Woodside Ave., Narberth, Master of Education; Anna Jones, 1041 County Line Rd., Bryn Mawr, Bachelor of Science in Education; Marjory Havlick, 8 Sabine Ave., Narberth, Bachelor of Arts; Charles Marsh, Jr., 830 Summit Rd., Penn Valley, Bachelor of Science; Landreth Murray, 705 Aubrey Ave., Ardmore, Bachelor of Laws; and Frank E. Davis, Jr., 1003 Old Lancaster Rd., Bryn Mawr, Master of Sacred Theology.

Annual Grade School Music Event June 7

The annual concert of the Instrumental Music Department in the Elementary Schools of Lower Merion will be presented on Friday, June 17, at 8.15 P. M., at the Bala-Cynwyd Junior High School.

The program will include Orchestra, Band, Solo Works, Ensemble selections.

The 200 performers are selected from the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades of all of the elementary schools.

The public is cordially invited.

Classic Event To Be Staged On Narberth Playground

Volunteer Medical Service Corps Selected As Beneficiary; Every State in Union And Canada to Be Represented

The Bryn Mawr Kennel Club, Inc., will hold its 26th annual dog show on the Narberth Community Playgrounds on Saturday, June 15, with 600 entries from every state in the Union and Canada.

Dr. Mervin Ross Taylor of Wynnewood, president of the Kennel Club, stated that the Volunteer Medical Service Corps of Narberth had been chosen as beneficiary from the proceeds. In previous years proceeds have been awarded to the Bryn Mawr Hospital, British War Relief (in the years before the United States entered the war) and the Botanical Society of Lower Merion.

"The fine work done by the Volunteer Medical Service Corps was brought to my attention and we felt that this would be a splendid opportunity to show them what the Main Line thinks of the good work they have done. They answer calls from rich and poor alike, serve on any and all calls which come their way, and all 27 active members are accredited to the American Red Cross as first aiders. We felt they deserved support," Taylor added in his statement.

The Bryn Mawr Kennel Club is a non-profit organization, which holds a show once a year, and the American Kennel Club has ap-

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Pupils Will Present Piano Recital June 10

The annual creative piano recital given by the pupils of Miss Margaret Squiers will be held Monday, June 10, at 8 P. M., in the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Narberth and Woodbine Aves, Narberth.

Miss Squires has announced that 28 pupils from six to 14 years of age will present solo and original compositions.

Committee Formed To Canvass Stores For July 4 Funds

The appointment of a committee of local business men in Narberth to assist in the collection of funds for the Fourth of July celebration was announced at a meeting of the Narberth Business Council last Monday night.

The committee, under the direction of Carl W. Metzger, will include Harry B. Breslow and several other merchants. The group will collect funds from every store in the Borough to supplement donations from the residents.

Howard F. Cotter, president of the group who presided at the meeting, suggested several changes in the by-laws of the organization. The changes will be approved at a later meeting.

Report Cites Crowded School

A report citing the Cynwyd School as over-crowded was presented to the executive committee of the Penn Valley Civic Association Monday night at the group's regular meeting held at the Montgomery County Day School.

The report, prepared by the Committee on Education, also stated that "the coaches of athletic teams do not receive additional remuneration for their work, which is in addition to full-time teaching duties."

Presented to the group by Melville K. Ketcham, chairman of the committee, the report said that "the Cynwyd School is overcrowded with an enrollment of 350, the largest of any grade

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Teen-Age Girls Held On Fire Alarm Charge

Three teen-age girls, residents of Ardmore, were released in custody of their parents last Wednesday night after they were arrested on a charge of sending in a false fire alarm.

Justice of the Peace Joseph B. Allen issued a warrant for their arrest after Fire Marshall Harvey Benson reported that the girls telephoned to Lower Merion police that there was a fire in an address on Mill Creek Rd.

The girls will be turned over to Juvenile Court authorities in Norristown.

Local Kiwanis Men To Attend Convention

Delagates and alternates representing the Main Line Kiwanis Club will attend the 1946 Victory Convention of Kiwanis International at Atlantic City, N. J., from June 9 to 13.

Local delegates will be Lester S. Lamb, of 190 Midfield Rd., Ardmore, and John P. Frazier, of Merion Gardens Apartments, Merion. Alternates will be Charles Fanslow, of 6 Church Rd., Ardmore, and Robert J. Stanton, of 324 W. Lancaster Ave., Ardmore.

Narberth Man Hurt In 3-Car Accident

A three-car accident on Montgomery Ave., slightly injured two people Tuesday night.

M. A. Tabogei, 42, of 8012 Roanoke St., Philadelphia, had pulled his car into the center of Montgomery Ave., preparatory to making a left turn into Sabine Ave., when a car driven by Benjamin Livingston, 59, of 300 Essex Ave., Narberth, crashed into the back of Tabogei's car, glanced off, and struck a car driven by John DiFerdnado, of 349 Morris Ave., Wayne.

Mrs. Elvira DiFerdnado, a passenger in DiFerdnado's car, was treated by her own physician for a sprained back, and Livingston was taken to the Bryn Mawr Hospital and treated for abrasions of the knees and a bloody nose.

Eight Tons of Food Sent From Main Line

Lower Merion Public Schools colected 13,038 tin cans of food during the National Food Collection Drive, according to Dr. Howard Wayne Smith, chairman of the collection in the Township.

Dr. Smith also reported that Episcopal Academy collected 2,403 cans bringing total number to 15,441, or approximately eight tons of food sent to Europe from the Main Line.

River Traps Two In Stalled Auto

Subsistence of the Schuylkill River Monday morning after the worst flood here in more than 15 years allowed two River Rd. men to reach the safety of high ground after spending a wierd night in their stalled automobile.

Attempting to make a last-minute rescue of household furniture late Sunday afternoon, Frank Greeves, of Rudolph Row, West Manayunk, and William Stetler, of 202 River Rd., Gladwyne, were trapped in their car when rising water got into its motor. They spent the night surrounded by more than a foot of water.

July 4th Celebration To Be Tremendous Welcome For GIs

A contract was signed this week for Narberth's fireworks demonstration on July Fourth. The program, it was stated, will exceed in novelty and gorgeous effects that of any previous year. Some of the pieces are being designed by the local committee and are described as assuring results of transcendent beauty.

In particular, the opening feature of the evening will be a tremendous welcome to Narberth men and women who have returned from the armed forces. As the formal salutation is gradually lighting its spendrous way, the skies will be made to glow with dazzling streams of vari-colored fire from myriad bombs and rockets, each one devised as an artistic gem of itself. It is claimed that nothing quite like this farflung spectacle has ever been witnessed in pyrotechnic displays.

Also included will be a mammoth replica of Uncle Sam, powerful and unafraid, set forth with a kaleidoscopic brillance that is bound to provide a memorable impression on the throng which is expected to swarm the field. Another piece of startling significance will be an awe-inspiring "Battle of the Roses", flower fantacies which, it is said, will add to the glories of the firmament in a manner that will be plainly visible for miles around.

The comedy designs include a chicken-and-rooster fight which will carry on for many minutes, in extraordinary animation, with the

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